

Statue in new park to honor Pratt as a S.L. Valley developer

Eastside sculpture recalls 'the spirit of the area'

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Parley P. Pratt was an apostle in the early LDS Church, an explorer and a stalwart missionary who wielded considerable influence in the early days of the settling of the Salt Lake Valley.

He was also quite a land baron, at one time controlling much, if not most, of the land on the valley's east side — from the present-day University of Utah to Holladay and from Sugar House to the mountains.

"Brigham Young gave Parley Pratt that land to develop," said eastside resident Mike Glauser.

Glauser is chairman of a committee that aims to give Pratt his due. The committee has raised funds for a statue of him in a small new city park now under construction at 2100 South and 2300 East.

"We wanted to put up a park or monument or something to celebrate his legacy," Glauser said. "We consider (the chosen location) a gateway into the neighborhood."

Sculptor Edward Fraughton has created a statue of



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Full-size model of Ed Fraughton statue of Parley P. Pratt.

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Pratt that, when installed, will have him looking east, toward the mountains. He is standing over a surveyor's transit and taking notes.

"It is symbolic of picking your direction and moving toward your goals in life," Glauser said. "It will help commemorate the spirit of the area."

The idea for the monument was born last year when the LDS Church urged each of its stakes to do a "lasting legacy" project. Glauser and others put their heads together and came up with the idea of a statue, but the issue quickly became far more than just a local church project. The city became involved, saying the park under

development would be ideal for the statue; \$180,000 in private donations was raised; the local community council got in on it; and boosters persuaded historian Leonard Arrington to research Parley Pratt's role in developing the land.

"We found out a lot of great and interesting facts about the area," Glauser said.

Besides residences, Pratt cut a road through the canyon that bears his name, put in a hospital and constructed a wool mill, among various other things. He did all that while exploring other areas, such as Utah Valley, and continuing his missionary labors.

When cast, the statue will be 8 feet high with a 5-foot base. The monument will be dedicated in October.

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which will stimulate future
growth, Ruby said.
Exactly when the two fires will
be set has yet to be determined be-

tions, Ruby said. He expects the
Pole Haven fire will be set around
Sept. 1 and the White River blaze
sometime near the middle of Sep-
tember.
Funds for the burns are not
solely coming from the Uinta Na-
tional Forest. The Pole Haven

the Wild Turkey Foundation and
the Division of Wildlife Resource
For more information on the
controlled burns, call the Uinta
National Forest at 377-5780 or the
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William T. McConnell, president
of the American Bankers Associa-
tion, termed the bill's passage "a
real loss for taxpayers." He said
credit unions "now have a license
for unbridled expansion of their
billion-dollar annual tax subsidy."
McConnell said the Senate
adopted a "corporate welfare bill"
that allows credit unions to extend
their tax subsidy to wealthy indi-
viduals and big businesses.
He agreed with Headlee that the
fight is not over and that the banks
will continue to push for taxation
of credit unions. "Any time Con-
gress seeks to find additional reve-
nues for a tax bill, we will push for
the taxation of credit unions," said
McConnell.
The bill also includes some re-
strictions on credit union loans to
business, but they are not as tight
as the bankers wanted. An amend-
ment to the bill was defeated on

the cap on commercial lending by a
credit union to 7 percent of the
credit union's assets. The bill
passed Tuesday sets that limit at
12.25 percent.
The Senate also rejected an
amendment — favored by the Clin-
ton administration and endorsed
by the House — that would have
required credit unions to adhere to
fair lending practices, as required
by banks.
Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said
credit unions are voluntary, not-
for-profit organizations and should
not be subject to federal mandates
on who their customers should be.
The original bill, said Gramm,
would have forced credit unions to
use their resources for something
other than "promoting the well-be-
ing of their members."
Another amendment, that would
have exempted small community
banks from the 1977 law requiring

lending record to minorities and
low-income applicants when rul-
ing on expansion proposals, also was
defeated.
The amendment was offered by
Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., who
argued that community banks had
to compete with a higher cost of
funds, a higher regulatory burden
and a big tax bite.
"While we increase the competi-
tive advantage of . . . (credit
unions) in this bill, we do nothing
to help small banks compete on a
more level playing field," said
Shelby.
Credit unions compete directly
with community banks and often
are able to provide loans with
lower interest rates than the sma-
ll banks. The banks say this is be-
cause of their tax-exempt status
and is patently unfair.



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ken glass while trying to break
into a house Monday.
Salt Lake County Sheriff's
Deputy Rex Mulholland said
the man and two partners tried
to break into the home about
8:30 p.m. After the man cut
himself and before the bur-
glars could leave the home,
2980 S. 8750 West, the resi-
dents arrived and a brief fight
occurred.
"A stick and a beer bottle
were used in the fight, but no-
body was injured," Mulholland
said.
Due to blood loss, the 19-
year-old collapsed about two
blocks away. A trail of blood ex-
tended from the house to
where he was lying.
Paramedics transported him
by medical helicopter to LDS
Hospital, where he remained in
critical condition.

**Navajos resume search
for 2 accused cop-killers**